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Dark shadow of eclipse, CAA protests hit tourism in city

- BEOs direct schools not to take students on excursions
- Solar eclipse to begin at 8 am and end at 11 am tomorrow

Despite a 25 percent drop in tourist arrival in city, the Mysore Palace was full of visitors this morning.

Mysuru, Dec. 25 (RK&BCT)- Tomorrow's three-hour Annular Solar Eclipse starting from 8 am and ending at 11 am and the protests against Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) have cast a dark shadow over tourist arrivals in city. Mysuru that was teeming with tourists yesterday, is witnessing a decrease in tourist footfall due to tomorrow's eclipse.

According to Mysuru Hotel Owners' Association President C. Narayanagowda, this December and year-end has seen a dip of 25 percent in tourist arrival. "December is the peak tourism season and the hospitality industry records full occupancy rates. The protests and eclipse have definitely hit tourist footfall as we have witnessed 25 percent fall when compared to last year," he told *Star of Mysore* this morning.

Bookings cancelled

Mysuru is among the most popular destinations for tourists during Christmas vacations that extend till New Year. The peak year-end tourism season commences from the second week of December and lasts till the first week of January when there used to be 100 percent occupancy in all the small, medium and high-grade hotels, resorts and serviced apartments. "The present occupancy rates hover around 80 to 83 percent," Narayanagowda confirmed.

Hotels and resorts in Mysuru, Kodagu, and Chikkamagaluru that are much sought-after destinations during the season and have reported a drop in bookings. "Though there has been advance booking, approximately over 40 percent of the bookings have been cancelled. If the protests continue, it will hit us badly," say tour operators.

Advisory to schools

Meanwhile, in view of the ongoing protests against the CAA, Block Education Officers (BEOs) are issuing a blanket ban on all school trips and have asked the authorities of the institutes to not go ahead with any such plans till further notice. Education Department officials have cited law and order issues and hence do not want the schools to risk the students' life by taking them out on trips.

(See TOURISM on page 8)

Greetings

STAR OF MYSORE

wishes a **Merry Christmas** to all our Christian brothers, sisters and readers, who are celebrating the festival today.

— Management

'Ring of Fire' tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 25 (BCT)- Parts of Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu will witness an Annular Solar Eclipse on Dec. 26 (tomorrow), where the Sun appears as a ring (annulus) around the Moon. In the Annular Solar Eclipse, Moon does not completely obscure the Sun as the Moon is farther away from us than normal, making it appear smaller.

As a result, the Sun is not totally eclipsed, leaving a 'Ring of Fire' around the edges.

This Annular Solar Eclipse will also be visible from Saudi Arabia, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam.

The partial eclipse will begin at 8.04 am when the moon 'touches' the sun's edge, and at 9.24 am the annular phase will start and the full eclipse would be visible.

At 9.26 am, the maximum eclipse would occur, when the moon is closest to the centre of the sun. By 9.27 am the full eclipse will end, and by 11.05 am the moon will leave the edges of the sun, ending the partial eclipse. The total eclipse will last for 3.12 minutes.

(See RING OF FIRE on page 8)

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Mysuru, Wednesday 25th December 2019

Expanding *exports*

Economic slowdown in the country is being talked about in tones of despair in some camps of the knowledgeable and voices of hope from the top brass in the Government. Public memory is seen as short-lived but not short enough to recall the incumbent Government at the Centre hopeful of eight percent higher growth of the nation's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), the major barometer of the country's economic health, compared to the financial year 2018-19. That was the task set for all the sectors of the economy, particularly the eight constituents of the core sector. The downward journey of that index was first hinted at by the World Bank, followed by other global agencies such as International Monetary Fund (IMF). Readers of columns of the dailies presenting news and views about the status of finances at the command of the Government learnt about the officials in Finance Ministry putting a bold front by quibbling with figures of GDP growth's annual rate below 7.5 percent first and later falling below 5.0 percent as of now. Lay people may not fully understand the view of some experts reasoning the slow down to considerable reduction in consumption of goods produced in the country, automobiles figuring prominently.

The nation's Governments, irrespective of which political party or coalition is at the helm, have to address two major problems that fall into the realm of cash needed for meeting public expenditure, one being Current Account Deficit and Fiscal Deficit. The latter deficit is being met by borrowing from various sources, but former deficit has proved to be the Gordian Knot, in the face of the country paying for *imports* far in excess of earning through *exports*.

The country's agricultural sector and the small-scale industry sector seem to have performed admirably, the former making the land almost self-dependent food-wise and the latter contributing substantially to the needs of both internal consumption and also export trade. Paradoxically or otherwise, if the prescription of increasing consumption by the public to arrest the economy's slowdown, particularly the output of the automobile industry, the obvious result is heightened consumption of petroleum products, particularly petrol and diesel, which means worsening the Current Account Deficit. India's industry players will do well to pay the other countries in the same coin by producing products with attractive price tag that the western populace go after.

Measures for expanding exports are being discussed by the Union Finance Ministry's top brass and stakeholders from the industry and trade. The latter groups have sought from the Government steps to ease of doing business and reduction of taxes, in addition to better environment of the regulatory practices. The nation's demand from the industry sector is to keep harmonious relations with the workforce and not compromise on quality of products.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

In the bygone days, the tradition of writing letters by hand was a common practice. Many old-timers possessed impeccable handwriting and a zest for writing. One would eagerly await the arrival of the ubiquitous postman who would trudge from door to door to deliver the precious mail. He would also double up as a reader and help in unravelling the contents of the mail in case the family members were unlettered. The postcard came for a song (10 paise) and the inland letters meant for longer narratives cost a few paise more (25 paise). The letters would take their own sweet time to arrive, but in an internet free era, people waited patiently for the snail mail. Since many of my kith and kin dabbled in the game of hockey which entailed frequent travelling, we were introduced to penmanship quite early in life. The convent schools of yore also tutored pupils to become able writers with elegant handwriting. Wren and Martin was our grammar Bible. Many of the epistles written by the elders decades ago have become valuable family keepsakes. *— N.J. Ravi Chander in The New Indian Express*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Cake artist's amazing gingerbread sculptures

Oslo: Norwegian cake artist Caroline Eriksson recently went viral for an awe-inspiring sculpture of Groot made exclusively out of gingerbread.

Everything started just before Christmas of 2013, when Caroline Eriksson showed off her edible Optimus Prime, a complex, edible sculpture made up of between 700 and 800 individual pieces of gingerbread. Photos of her very first gingerbread wonder got a lot attention on social media, particularly on Reddit, and even won Eriksson the grand prize of 40,000 NOK ($6,500) in a gingerbread contest. Since then, she has been dedicating all her free time in the two months leading up to Christmas every year to designing, baking and putting together the most amazing gingerbread sculptures.

Man's DNA replaced following bone marrow transplant

Las Vegas: Just three months after undergoing a bone marrow transplant to treat his acute myeloid leukemia, a Nevada man was shocked to learn that his DNA had been replaced by that of his donor.

For years ago, Chris Long, who happens to be working at the Washoe County Sheriff's Department in Nevada, was suffering from acute myeloid leukemia and myelodysplastic syndromes and needed a bone marrow transplant. He was lucky enough to find a donor, a German man that he had never met and with whom he only exchanged a few messages before the surgery, but he had no idea that in a few months time he would turn into his donor, sort of.

As soon as Chris' work colleagues heard that he was undergoing a bone marrow transplant, they decided to "swab the heck out of him" to see how his DNA changed. And it's a good thing they did, because the changes were fascinating.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Does increasing my calcium intake by drinking milk help lower my risk of bone fractures?

One study has shown that countries that consume the most cow's milk have the highest incidence of hip fractures. China has a very low incidence, and they consume little milk.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Seminar on 'Re-emergence of translational research on medicinal plants' on Dec. 26

Mysuru, Dec. 25 (KS)- As part of the valedictory of National Ayurveda Day-2019 celebrations, the Government Ayurveda Research Centre, Department of AYUSH, National AYUSH Mission, New Delhi in association with Sarada Vilas College of Pharmacy have organised a seminar on 'Re-emergence of translational research on medicinal plants' on Dec. 26 at 2 pm at Prof. Chinnaswamy Setty Conference Hall in Sarada Vilas College of Pharmacy premises in Krishnamurthypuram.

The seminar will be inaugurated by MLA S.A. Ramdas. University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar will deliver the valedictory address. Former Minister C.H. Vijayashankar, former VC Dr. S.N. Hegde and President of Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions B.S. Parthasarathy, will be the chief guests. Hon. Secretary of Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions H.K. Srinath, Assistant Director of Government Ayurveda Research Centre, Mysuru, Dr. L. N. Shenoy, will be the guests of honour.

Principal of Sarada Vilas College of Pharmacy Dr. Hanumanthachar Joshi will preside over the event.

Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Dec.25- The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Biotechnology to **K.S. Balaji** for his thesis "Isolation and Characterization of Plant Derived Lectins and Evaluation of their Anticancer Activity" submitted under the guidance of Dr. J. Shankar.

C. Ninganaika has been awarded Ph.D in Ancient History and Archaeology by the UoM for his thesis 'Heggadadevanakote Talukina Devalayagala Kale Mattu Vastushilpa - Ondu Samskrutika Adhyayana' submitted under the guidance of Dr. G. Kariyappa.

D. Kumara has been awarded Ph.D in History by the UoM for his thesis 'Swathanthryapurva Hagu Swathanthryottara Bharatha Rashtra Nirmanadalli Dr. Babu Jagajivan Ram ravara Kodugegalu' submitted under the guidance of Dr. K. Sadashiva.

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VOICE OF THE READER

Agitation against CAA: Point is made, wait till 2024

Sir,

The nation has been witnessing unprecedented protests across the country, some peaceful and majority with violence, vandalism and destruction of public property, totally unacceptable in a democracy.

The Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) has been grossly misinterpreted by vested interests like the proverbial elephant being described by five blind men to selected sections of the society for their political gains.

The Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB) was debated exhaustively in both the Houses of the Parliament and passed following due process of the Constitution and became an Act. **Every duly elected Government has the sovereign right to enact laws as promised in their election manifesto and at the same time the Opposition parties also have a Constitutional right to protest against this law peacefully.** That is the majesty of democracy !

The demand by the protesters representing only a section of the society to roll back the CAA does not hold water in a democracy. Assuming if the Government of the day accedes to their request, then there will be no need for Parliament in India to enact laws and all important laws can be passed based on the dictates of protesting mobs.

Ideally, the anti-CAA protesters can seek judicial remedy in the Supreme Court (as many have already done) and if they fail, then wait till the next Lok Sabha elections in 2024 and elect the Government of their choice and get the CAA rescinded in the true spirit of democracy.

—K.C. Biddappa,
Sr. VP, ITC Ltd. (Retd)

Mysuru
24.12.2019

Need to install traffic signal or speed-breakers at this Circle

Sir,

Highway Circle aka Abul Kalam Azad Circle in Bannimantap is one of the heritage structures of our city. It is a busy junction of five very busy roads, and is frequently prone to traffic jams and fatal accidents as well.

One could witness huge rush during office hours, festive season and recently all the time. Also all private buses use this Circle to reach city from all surrounding towns.

Surprisingly, there is no traffic signal nor any Police personnel manning this Circle. One could argue that another traffic signal is not required here as we already have signals at Bamboo Bazaar and RMC Circle. But still we can witness all types of vehicles coming at great speeds especially from Bamboo Bazaar side and Nelson Mandela Road side. This inconveniences the motorists travelling from/to Jawa factory side, Jodi Tenginamara side, *SOM* Office and Puthli Park side. On top of this the Circle itself is huge (although it adds beauty to the place with the elephant statue fountain) and one needs to circumvent the curve.

Hereby I suggest the Traffic Police and authorities concerned to either install traffic signal or install speed-breakers on all sides of the Circle so that all vehicles reduce their speed while travelling through this Circle, thus avoiding accidents and saving precious lives.

—N. Shubhang

Mysuru
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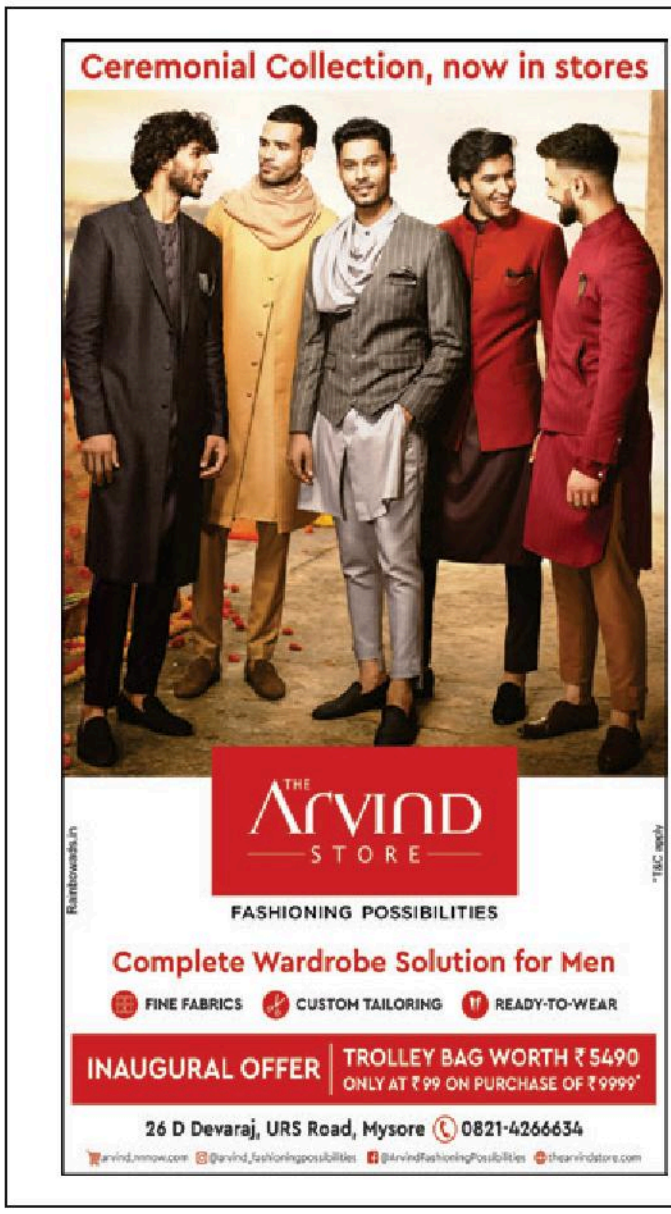

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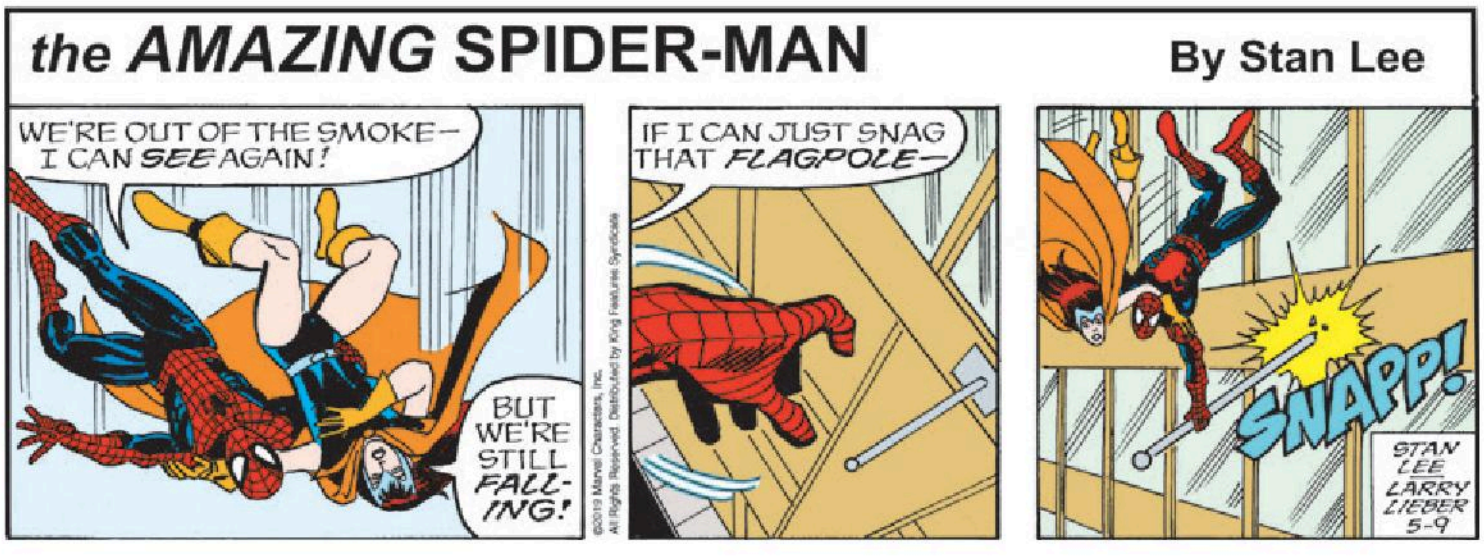
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NEWS BRIEFS

Solar eclipse viewing at Hari Vidyalaya

Hari Vidyalaya in Bogadi, Mysuru, is conducting an event for Solar Eclipse viewing tomorrow (Dec. 26) between 8.30 am and 11.30 am. Solar filters and Telescope viewing facility will be provided for the participants. Those interested may contact Mob: 94498-09181 or 83174-40583, according to a press release from the Vidyalaya.

New year: Obtain liquor licence

To supply liquor during New Year eve parties, the District Deputy Commissioner of Excise Department, in a press release, has stated that excise CL 5 licence is mandatory for liquor distribution. Applications seeking the licence should be filed through http://stateexcise.ksbcl.com:9090/ excise before 12 noon on Dec.27, according to a press release.

Oath against child marriage in schools

The Department of Women and Child Development Deputy Director has, in a press release, asked all schools in the district to administer an oath against Child Marriage to students during the morning assembly sessions as decided in the meeting of the District Co-ordination Committee.

Sports meet

The Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports has organised a sports meet for employees, officers and members of Zilla Panchayat and district-level officers at Chamundi Vihar Stadium on Dec. 28. Those interested may contact Ph: 0821-2546179.

Free cataract eye screening at MRC

The Mysore Race Club (MRC) Eye Hospital will conduct a free cataract eye screening camp on Monday (Dec. 30) at MRC Eye Hospital in Siddarthnagar, Mysuru, from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. For more details contact Ph: 2472102.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	121.60 ft
Yesterday	121.65 ft
Inflow	3,049 cusecs
Outflow	3,627 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,276.60 ft
Inflow	278 cusecs
Outflow	50 cusecs

Captured tiger to be used for breeding

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, Dec.25- In a significant boost to captive tiger breeding, the Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, popular as Mysuru Zoo, has planned to utilise the male tiger that was captured from Bandipur recently for breeding. The feline will be moved to Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park (Hampi Zoo).

After a massive operation with a 300-strong force, the Forest Department officials along with elephants caught the elusive tiger which had killed two villagers and 18 cattle heads at Bandipur Tiger Reserve in October this year. The big cat was trapped near Chowdahalli. The tiger, a healthy male aged about five years, was later shifted to Chamundi Animal Conservation, Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre set up by Mysuru Zoo at Koorgalli on the outskirts of Mysuru.

There are nine Zoos in the State including Mysuru Zoo and most of the tigers in these Zoos belong to the same blood group. As there is a need for fresh species of tiger family, the Zoo authorities in Mysuru and Hampi are on the lookout for a suitable female tiger for mating with this captured male tiger.

The Zoo authorities, who normally do not expose captured felines to Zoo visitors, have now decided to use this tiger for breeding, as it is a fresh blood. These tigers which have grown up in the natural environs of the forest, are blessed with the natural instinct of preying.

The tiger, in the last one year and before its capture, was seen wandering in search of territory through several forest ranges and ended up in the buffer area of Gopalaswamy Betta Range in Bandipur. Officials, who verified their database for the authentication of the big cat, said that it was the same tiger that was previously camera-trapped in Nagarahole Tiger Reserve near Dammanakatte (Kabini) in Antharasanthe Range.

The tiger was first photographed in 2018 January-February in Antharasanthe Range. It was spotted at Moolehole Range of Bandipur Tiger Reserve in December 2018. In about a year's time, the tiger had walked about 100 kms from Nagarahole National Park to Bandipur Tiger Reserve in search of territory and a mate.

The century-old Mysuru Zoo is considered one of the leading Indian Zoos for captive breeding. The Zoo has successfully bred giraffes in captivity. It may be mentioned here that in 2015, rescued wild tigress Ramya was used to introduce a new strain of genes in the captive breeding programme of the Mysuru Zoo.

The Zoo had successfully bred tigers and had introduced new strain of genes for stronger and healthier cubs. Brahma, a male cub aged 12 years, which was caught in Brahmagiri forest range in 2008, and white tigress Manya had been paired for the first time in May 2011. Manya gave birth to three cubs.

Over 73 critically endangered species was being taken up for breeding at various Indian Zoos, including the Mysuru Zoo. The aim is to breed such species in captivity and release them into the wild later, after meeting all the protocols. The species for conservation breeding are identified after taking note of the drastic decline in their numbers in the wild.

Tiger attack: 45 cattle heads killed in Kodagu in 3 months

Madikeri, Dec.25 (KS)- The people of Kodagu, who are affected from elephants raiding their estates and destroying standing crops almost every day, are also bearing the loss of their livestock especially cattle due to tiger menace.

In the last three months, tigers have killed 45 cattle heads in villages in Virajpet taluk alone creating a sense of fear among the residents. Though the Forest Department has placed a cage to trap tigers, the felines have killed more than 12 animals in the last one month.

The menace of tigers is more in Balele, Besagoor, Kottageri and Nittoor in Virajpet taluk (South Kodagu) where a tiger has killed more animals. To protect their livestock, the villagers are spending sleepless nights by keeping a watch throughout the night by holding torches and going on beat in groups. While villagers say that there are at least 2 tigers roaming around the forest fringes, the Department officials have not confirmed it yet.

The footprint of a tiger found at a paddy field in Besagoor village recently.

If a cow is killed by the tiger, the Forest Department officials visit the spot and pay a meagre sum of Rs. 2,000 and Rs. 3,000 while a cow costs a minimum of Rs. 40,000. Cattle owners are a worried lot as they are unable to purchase a cow with the compensation amount provided by the Forest Department and also unable to eke out a living as the livestock is lost.

Villagers alleged that the Department was not taking any action to prevent tigers from venturing into human habitat. These felines take refuge in thick coffee estates amidst green foliage.

"Almost every day we see fresh footprints around our estates and paddy fields. But the Department has not acted so far and is distributing just Rs. 2,000 for one dead cow," alleged the villagers.

State Brahmins Meet in Udupi

Mysuru, Dec.25 (PM&DM)- Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha (AKBMS) has organised a State Brahmins' conference on Dec.28 and 29 at Koteshwara in Kundapur taluk of Udupi District.

Disclosing this at a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan here yesterday, District and City Brahmana Sangha President D.T. Prakash said that the conference will be inaugurated at 10 am on Dec.28 at Kalavara Vardaraj M. Shetty Government First Grade College Grounds by Sri Vidushekarabharathi Swamiji. Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa will be the chief guest.

Guruvandana will be offered at 10 am on Dec.29, a seminar with women participants at 2 pm followed by the valedictory at 4 pm. Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwath Narayan and former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy will participate.

About one lakh people are likely to attend the conference with 3000 people from city, he said.

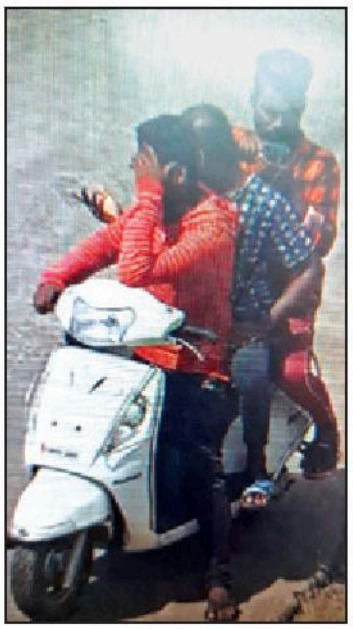
Leaders Raghuram, Sowbhagya Murthy, Apoorva Suresh, Vikram Iyengar and Balakrishna were present at the press meet.

Scooter seized for using fake Registration Number

Mysuru, Dec.25 - The N.R.Traffic Police have seized a scooter as the rider used a fake registration number in order to avoid paying penalty for traffic offences.

After being shocked to find that he had been served a notice for payment of penalty for helmetless riding near Hootagalli Junction on KRS Road, one Aurobindo Biswas, a resident of Kuvempunagar who owned a blue coloured Let's scooter bearing Reg No.KA-09/HF 3106, went to the automation centre at the city Police Commissioner's Office for a check, when it was found that the rider of a white coloured Suzuki Access scooter had used his (Biswas) registration number to avoid being penalised for traffic offences. It was also discovered that the white coloured Suzuki Access scooter had five cases of traffic violation registered against it.

Following a complaint by Aurobindo Biswas, ACP (Traffic) Sandesh Kumar directed N.R.Traffic Police to trace the



white coloured Access scooter.

The N.R.Traffic Police during their routine vehicle checking drive on Dec.23 came across the said scooter on Ashoka road. During the check of vehicle records, it was found that the actual registration number of the white coloured Suzuki Access scooter was KA-09/HF 3105 and the scooter rider was using Aurobindo's scooter registration number (KA-09/HF 3106) in order to avoid being penalised for traffic violations. The Police then seized the scooter and further investigation revealed that the Suzuki Let's Scooter (KA-09/HF 3105) belonged to one Abhilash, who had mortgaged it to one Vinod of Yelwal in Mysuru taluk. Vinod, who was currently in possession of the Suzuki Let's scooter, was using Aurobindo's vehicle Reg.No (KA-09/HF 3106) as a deceit to avoid being penalised for traffic offences.

Meanwhile, City Police Commissioner K.T. has cautioned the vehicle owners against using fake Reg. No. plates as it is a criminal offence. Warning of action against vehicle owners who use fake number plates, he has appealed the public to inform the nearest Police Station if they come across fake vehicle number plates.

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Obituary

Iftekhar Ahmed

Mysuru, Dec.25- Iftekhar

Ahmed (71) a retd. employee of Kareem Cascami, Nanjangud and resident of Turab Ali Street, passed away this morning after a brief illness.

He is survived by his wife, one son, two daughters and a host of friends and relatives.

Namaz e Janaza will be offered at 4.45 pm after Namaz e Asar at Masjid e Dargahi, Sawday Road, followed by burial at Old khabarasthan, behind Central Jail, Mysuru.

B.S. Lakshamma

B.S. Lakshamma (95), wife of

late T.K. Narasimhachar and a resident of Jayanagar in city, passed away yesterday.

She leaves behind four daughters, a son, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandchildren, great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

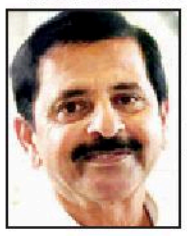
Last rites will be performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill in city tomorrow (Dec.26) afternoon.

Family can be contacted on Mob: 99001-43520.

M.P. Ramesh

M.P. Ramesh (64), Retd. AEE, PWD, passed away in Bengaluru yesterday due to heart attack.

He leaves behind his wife,



one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

The body has been brought to his residence near Raghavendra Mutt in Devaraja Mohalla.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon, according to family sources.

Sunanda

Sunanda, assistant teacher of

Government Higher Primary School, Kuduremaala and a resident of Vijayanagar, passed away yesterday.

Last rites were performed yesterday afternoon at the burial grounds in Lalithadripura.

Srinivas Murthy

Hunsur: Srinivas Murthy (75),

Retired teacher and President of Lakshmanatheertha Educational Institutions at Hanagodu in Hunsur taluk passed away yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife, a son and a daughter.

Last rites were performed in Hunsur this morning.

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Winter Carnival

inside Palace amidst floral models

Mysuru, Dec.25 (BCT)- The Palace Flower Show was the 'show-stopper' of the 10-day Winter Festival that kicked off in city yesterday. Mysuru District Minister V. Somanna and MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) inaugurated the Flower Show.

The iconic Mysore Palace was abuzz with activity since 3 pm, hours before the Flower Show began. While local residents queued up before the Flower Show entrance as they knew about the event, other tourists had no idea what was happening around. The venue was out of bounds for visitors before the inauguration.

People who came there were shooed away by the Police and security guards. They were told to come after 4.30 pm. Though the inauguration was scheduled at 4.30 pm, it was finally opened at around 5.30 pm after Minister Somanna arrived at the Palace at around 5.15 pm.

Warm welcome for Somanna, GTD

As the Minister's convoy entered the premises of Palace Board Office, folk troupes including a lone *Patada Kunita* performer and two *Veeragase* artistes and drummers began their performance. Minister Somanna was accorded a warm welcome by Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya along with DC Abhiram G. Sankar, City Police Commissioner and Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath.

The Minister was accompanied by MLA GTD. Interestingly, both GTD and Somanna travelled in the Minister's car and sat next to each other, conversing.

Tourists desperate

As the Minister was being welcomed, tourists stood around the Palace Board Office waiting for the Minister to inaugurate the Flower Show. It was made clear to them that until the VVIP cuts ribbons, they will not have a chance to see the splendid show. The crowd was getting impatient as they were waiting to see the flowers since at least two hours.

Saluting War Hero Abhinandan and brave soldiers in Siachen

After the traditional welcome, the Minister was straight away led to a Ganesha Temple deep inside the Palace Board Office (this is not open to public) and a *puja* was performed. Minister Somanna and GTD requested Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath and ZP President Parimala Shyam to be present alongside as the presence of well-dressed women near Gods is considered a good omen.

Enchanting performance

The *puja* began amidst chanting of *mantras* by a team of priests and amidst saxophone-and-drum (chande) performance by Yaduraj and team. So impressed was the Minister and GTD with the saxophone recital by two young girls, the Minister complimented them and asked their names. Not stopping at this, the Minister and GTD posed for photographs with the performers.

Without wasting any further time and probably realising that people have been waiting for hours to see the Flower Show, the Minister's convoy headed to the Varaha Gate where the Flower Show entrance was set up. After the ceremonial tape cutting, the Show was declared open. Even after the inauguration, the crowd was not allowed to enter inside and only a select gathering was allowed. This was probably to avoid crowding of the place during a VVIP visit.

Main attractions

Thankfully the inauguration was over and people got a chance to see the floral arrangements. The main attraction was the floral model of Bangalore Palace, ISRO satellite launch, a replica of fighter pilot of IAF Abhinandan Varthaman along with his flying machine with a message 'Salute to Indian Air Force,' images of armed Indian soldiers amidst snow-clad mountains in Siachen, floral models of Jayachamaraja Wadiyar and Siddaganga Seer late Sri Shivakumara Swamiji, old Palace model and others.

More than 20,000 ornamental plant varieties, four lakh roses, chrysanthemum, ping-pong, carnations and other varieties of flowers were on display. Visitors were glued to their mobile phones, taking selfies and sharing them on social media.

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Christmas celebrated with fervour in city

Bishop of Mysuru Diocese Rev. Dr. K.A. William carrying the idol of Infant Jesus to be placed in the specially decorated crib at St. Philomena's Church last night.

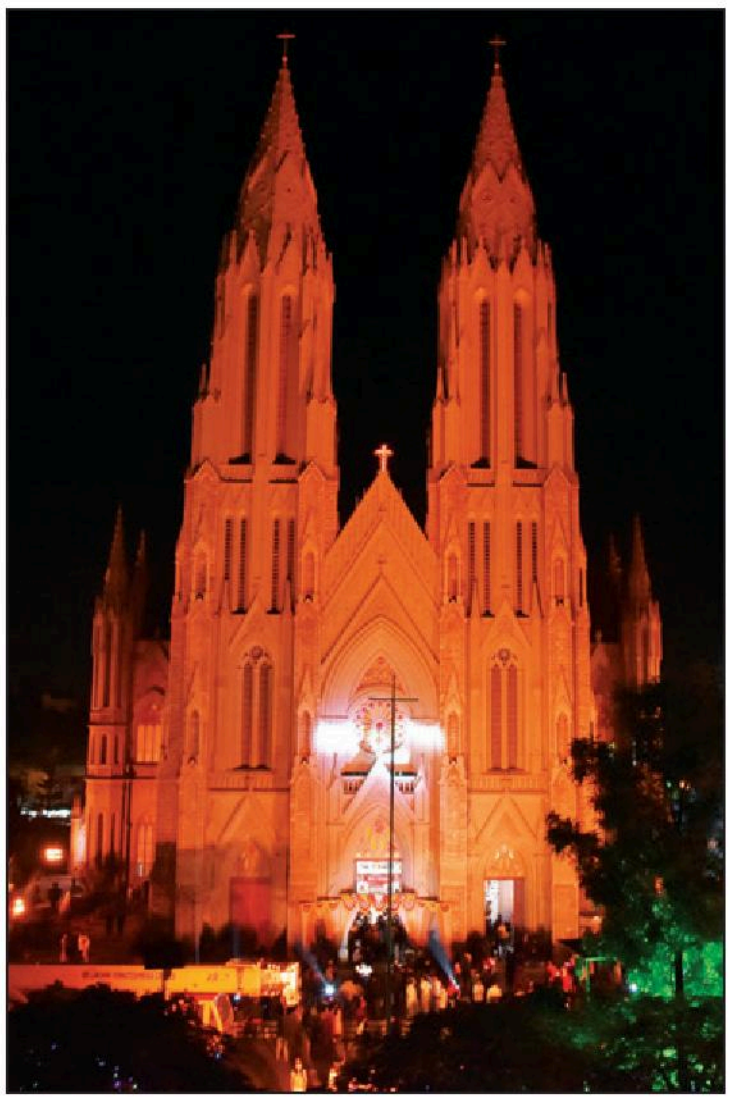
Mysuru, Dec.25- Thousands of Christians flocked the churches in city to attend the midnight Mass yesterday heralding Christmas celebrations.

The centre of attraction was the St. Philomena's Church in Lashkar Mohalla where a large number of people arrived to witness the celebrations. Church members and the choir sang Christmas carols and hymns as part of Christmas Eve celebrations at the stroke of midnight.

Bishop of Mysuru Diocese Rev. Dr. K.A. William placed the idol of Infant Jesus in the crib. Sermons and prayers were conducted by Bishop during the midnight Mass at St. Philomena's Church. The midnight Mass continued till 1.30 am.

Speaking on the occasion, Rev. Dr. K.A. William said, "Christmas is celebration of love and peace" and conveyed his Christmas wishes and prayed for worldly peace and prosperity.

Meanwhile, Masses and Prayer Services were also conducted at Virgin of the Poor Church in Bannimantap, St. Anthony's Church in Gayatripuram, Pushpagiri Church in Belavatta village, Sacred Heart Church in Yadavagiri, Holy Family Church in Hinkal, St. Theresa Church in Mysore South, Mother Theresa Church in Rajivnagar, St. Joseph's Church in Jayalakshmipuram and other churches in city. People were seen offering prayers, lighting candles and wishing one another on this occasion.



A colourfully lit St. Philomena's Church last night.

Glimpses of Mysore Royalty at Winter Fest Expo

Palace Carnival brings back Dasara memories

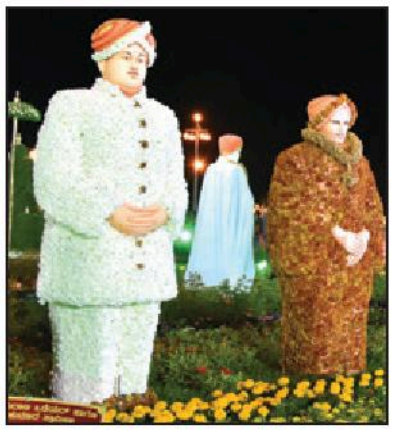
The crowd actually started pouring in after 6 pm and they were joined by the crowd that had been to the Palace. The magical moment, however, came at 7 pm when the lights of the Palace were switched on. For a couple of seconds, the crowds were awe-struck as they did not expect this. "Oh My God", "This is the moment", "Wow", "Gosh, this is it," were some of the expressions heard from the crowd as the magnificent structure glowed, brightening the entire premises.

Cameras were pulled out from the bags and phone cameras were switched on to capture the lightings. It was a Dasara-like atmosphere inside the Palace with all the gates, Palace and surroundings flush with lights. As an icing on the cake, the District Administration had affixed drop light bunches from trees and poles. The illuminated Palace stole the thunder out of the Flower Show for some time with people rushing to Palace compound to see the illumination from close quarters.

Praveen Bose, a journalist from Bengaluru who had come to Mysuru, told *SOM* that both the illumination and the Flower Show complemented each other and the District Administration was doing its best to attract tourist footfall.

"I was disappointed in the morning as I did not get rooms at the hotel of my choice. But now I realise that thousands of tourists have come to Mysuru for the Winter Festival and that is why the rooms are booked," he said and added that he managed to get a room for his wife and kid at Nazarbad.

His wife, a shopaholic, had been to Forum Mall for shopping. "My wife and daughter are at the Forum Mall and I came here for the Flower Show. I am glad that I am here as I saw the mesmerising lighting too. At the same time I am feeling sad as my wife and child did not see this wonderful lightings. I will come tomorrow too with them," he added.



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Entry free

As the entry to Palace compound and the Flower Show were free, there was a large crowd. As per conservative estimate, yesterday from 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm, over 35,000 people witnessed the fresh flowers smiling at them through various structures.

The Flower Show is open from 9 am to 9 pm till Dec.31.

'Patada Kunita' and 'Veeragase'

Along with the Flower Show, the other main attraction was the *Patada Kunita* and *Veeragase* performance that pulled the tourists towards them.

Seeing the enthusiastic and cheering crowd, the performers danced to drumbeats for almost an hour or so. While some school children and young tourists danced to the rhythmic beats, elders watched and clicked photos.

As the *Veeragase* performers flashed their ornate knives and stainless steel swords, tourists clicked photos from their selfie sticks. Encouraged by overwhelming response, the performance went on for some time with the tourists literally mobbing the artistes. They took videos of the dance and requested the artistes to pose for photos too.

Tourists elated

Nilanjan and Neelima, who had come to Mysuru from Jhargram in West Bengal, were elated as the two *Veeragase* performers posed for at least 10 photos with them. "This is wonderful and we are hoping to have a great time amidst flowers," said Neelima, flashing her white teeth, with a large smile.

Neelima said that they had read about the Palace but today's visit and the Flower Show were never-seen-before-events.

When *Star of Mysore* told them that the Palace will be illuminated at 7 pm, they "wow"ed and were excited to see the lightings.

Patrick Finch, who had come from France along with his father, sister and two daughters, wore a confused look as they entered the Palace through the Varaha Gate and as the folk performance began. Patrick asked this reporter "Is this some kind of a festival?" On learning about Winter Festival, he said, "very nice and impressive."

Taking out his expensive camera with a long lens, he began clicking photos of the surroundings. "We came to India a fortnight back and have covered Agra, Bhubaneswar, Ajanta and Ellora and Badami and Pattadakal. It is nice to be in Mysuru and you have a lovely weather here," he said.

And the Pink tabebuia blooms again...

It is that time of the year again when the tabebuias (pink and yellow) bloom in Mysuru. Picture shows the line of trees with Pink tabebuias in full bloom on the Crawford Hall Road in city this morning drawing the attention of passers-by and bringing a charm to the Royal city this winter. [Pic. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]

'Ring of Fire' tomorrow

The Mysore Science Foundation members seen distributing protective glasses to view solar eclipse at a city college this morning.

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In the Mysuru and Kodagu region, the best place to view the phenomenon is at Kutta in South Kodagu where special arrangements have been made at the elevated Kaimaani Estate coffee drying yard of Kolera Ravi Cariappa in Kaimaani. Also, the estate owned by Chekkera Dharmaja Devaiah at Kutta has been chosen as another place for sky-gazing.

The Mysore Science Foundation (MSF) is organising the sky-gazing event at Kutta where nearly 2,000 children and general public will witness the spectacular event. The MSF has tied up with Pune-based Mitee (a branch of Aseemit Edutech Private Limited) for the event.

In Mysuru, the eclipse is almost annular, 99 percent, but some refer to it as partial, as we cannot completely notice obscurity. The people of Bengaluru and Mysuru can witness almost annularity, but in Nanjangud and Gundlupet, 100 percent annularity can be seen. A pinhole camera is the simplest way to view an eclipse, but the solar image will be inverted.

In Mysuru, eclipse observation has been arranged in many locations like Excel Public School, Department of Physics, University of Mysuru, Breakthrough Science Society, Hari Vidyalaya and many schools. For Mysureans, the best viewing location is Chamundi Hill.

The eclipse can be clearly seen in Kerala's Kasaragod and Wayanad districts. Kalpetta in Wayanad district is where the annular eclipse can be seen perfectly. Apart from Kalpetta in Wayanad, the eclipse can be seen from Mangaluru, Kasargod, Kannur and Thalassery and Bekal with 96 to 99 percent clarity.

Avoid seeing sun with naked eyes

Eclipse or no eclipse, one should never see the bright sun with naked eye because of possible serious damage to the eyesight. One must see the sun directly only through viewing devices fitted with safe solar filters.

Only eclipse glasses that have a certification with "ISO 12312-2 international standard" are safe for use, according to NASA. Other options are the number 14 welder's glass, or a pinhole projector that allows a user to project the image of the sun on paper or cardboard. It is safe to eat, drink and carry out your daily activities during an eclipse.

Chamundeshwari Temple closed

Eclipses are treated as unwelcome and evil events by some people. But scientists and astronomers say that the fear is born of ignorance. And probably to allay the fears, many temples have organised special pujas and rituals to ward off evil. The Chamundeshwari Temple atop the Chamundi Hill will be closed from 8 am to 1 pm and there will be no public Darshan of the Goddess. In astrology, new moons always signify fresh starts, a solar eclipse even more so. Shanthi Homas and Havans are being conducted at many temples where people can pray for the well being of their families.

Dark shadow of eclipse, CAA protests hit tourism

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Even for school trips, year-end is usually the preferred. All schools need to take prior permission from the respective jurisdictional BEO for a trip. Now the BEOs have issued orders to scrap the tour plans. "We have instructed schools through BEOs not to send children on tours. Only those schools that have been granted permission can take children till next Saturday. All tours beginning after next Saturday have been cancelled and no fresh permission will be granted," Mysuru DDPI Panduranga told *SOM*.

Officials defended the action and said that the ban was imposed keeping in mind the safety of students. "There are many occasions where students get stranded. Even the school management finds it difficult to manage the crowd in such a case. So, it is better to avoid such situations than getting caught in the cross-fire," said an Education Department official. Probably due to the Education Department orders, there has been a 25 to 30 percent drop in student crowd in city. The worst affected are students from Dakshina Kannada and Udupi who have chosen not to come to Mysuru at least till the protests are over.

Tourist flow normal, claim officials

Tourism Department officials, however, said that there has been no decline in tourist flow. Department Deputy Director H. Janardhan said that eclipse and CAA has not had any impact in Mysuru. "The situation is bad in coastal areas but here there are regular December tourists and for them, we have planned a series of events in city," he said. Even Chamundi Hill in-charge Executive Officer N.S. Yathiraj Sampathkumaran, who is also the Muzrai Tahsildar, said that the Hill Temple has seen a steady flow of tourists. "We have had our share of December tourists yesterday and today. Tomorrow, the flow might take a hit due to the solar eclipse," he added. Assistant Executive Engineer of Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Limited – that manages the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam – Vasudev said that the KRS was full of tourists. "Eclipse and CAA has not affected us. And we expect the numbers to rise today evening due to Christmas vacation and the year-end festivities," he said.

'Life is a journey' statuary adorns City Railway Station portico

Mysuru, Dec.25- The South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, led by the dynamic Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Aparna Garg, which took up major redevelopment works at City Railway Station recently maintaining the integrity of heritage structures, has added another new feature — a statuary.

Now, a set of six sculptures will adorn the portico of the Railway Station.

"The figurines have been modelled on actual Railway passengers with the theme 'Life is a journey' and this depiction is a celebration of this spirit of travel," said the DRM.

"Mysuru Division saw redevelopment of Railway Station as an opportunity to showcase the talent of Mysuru which is so rich and vibrant in art and culture," she added.

Continuing, Aparna Garg said: "sculpting is a painstaking process requiring committed hard work with deep understanding of art, materials and processes. It took nearly four months of incessant hard work for the figurines to take shape. The process involved study of postures and gestures, capturing realistic features, true armature building, clay modelling with detailed human anatomy and features mirroring postures of people in a Railway environment or public spaces, fibre modelling to get best finish. And finally, metal casting process in bronze is used to make them look lifelike."

In all, it involved seven process — Design, Armature Building, Clay Modelling, Fibre Modelling, Metal Casting, Cutting & Brazing and Patination.

About the artist: The statuary work was undertaken by renowned and celebrated sculptor Arun Yogiraj of Kashyappa Shilpa Kalanikethana, Mysuru.

Christmas at Datta Peetham

Christmas was celebrated at Avadhoota Datta Peetham in city with carol singing and distribution of sweets and presents by a devotee dressed as Santa. Devotees from Germany, Switzerland, France, Denmark, USA, Russia and Trinidad participated in the carol singing in the presence of Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji.

Throwball Tournament for women begins

An initiative of Kodava Samaja

Mysuru, Dec.25 (MTY&US)- A. Seethamma and Achaiah Memorial Throwball Tournament for Women, as part of the Mysuru Inter-Kodava Associations Games Meet, under the aegis of Kodava Samaja Cultural and Sports Club, commenced this morning at Cauvery Institutions Grounds in Kuvempunagar here.

Nine teams are participating in the event with the winning team getting a cash prize of Rs.3,000 and Rs.2,000 for the runner-up. Trophy and individual trophies will also be given to each of the winners.

Inaugurating the programme, Mysore Institute of Commerce and Arts Principal M.N. Sachi Ponnamma asked students not to focus only on studies but devote some time for sports. She opined that sports would strengthen both the body and mind. She added that healthy people would build a healthy nation.

Mysuru Kodava Samaja President K.M. Belliappa was the guest of honour.

Cauvery Institutions Chairman M.K. Kuttappa, Club President M.P. Nanaiah, Vice-President K.D. Muthappa, Secretary K.N. Kushalappa, Joint Secretary M.K. Prakash, Treasurer I.A. Chengappa, Committee Members A.K. Nanjappa, A.M. Ponnamma, C.B. Changappa, M.S. Bopanna and N.S. Muthappa were present.

MLA announces Rs.1 lakh donation to Newspaper Agents Association

Mysuru, Dec.25 (PM&DM)- The third anniversary of The Mysuru District Newspaper Agents Association was held at Pathrakartara Bhavan on Thyagaraja Road in city this morning.

Speaking after inaugurating the event, Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra announced a donation of Rs.1 lakh to the Association.

Asking the Association to use the fund for 'Pratibha Puraskar' in the coming years, Nagendra lauded the Association for contributing to the society in it's own way. Noting that the Newspapers have maintained touch with the people without being obligatory to anyone, he said that he would strive to provide houses under various Government schemes to newspaper agents who do not own a house.

MLA Nagendra also released the New Year calendar brought out by the Association.

A total of 23 meritorious students (17 SSLC and 6 PUC) of the Association members, who scored high marks in SSLC and PUC were presented 'Pratibha Puraskar' on the occasion.

Also, senior journalist Amshi Prasannakumar was felicitated.

Former MLA Vasu, Association President B.N. Nayak, Hon. President N. Janardhan, General Secretary A. Ravi, MDJA President C.K. Mahendra, *Star of Mysore* Circulation Manager T.S. Gopinath and others were present.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Khaiser Ahmed,** S/o Late M. Abdul, residing at D.No.02, Subhashnagar, Badamakhan, N.R. Mohalla, Mysore-570007, have changed my minor Daughter's name from **Raksha Fathima** to **Rakshan Fathima** before Sri. Shivakumara, Advocate & Notary, Mysore, vide Affidavit dated : 24.12.2019. Henceforth, my daughter shall be called as **Rakshan Fathima** in all her records.

Sd/- Khaiser Ahmed

NOTICE

General Publics are hereby notified that the property mentioned below is the subject matter of the partition suit filed by my clients against Sri. P. Prabhu Ram and others in O.S.No.1029/2019 on the file of Hon'ble II Addl. Senior Civil Judge at Mysore, which is pending for adjudication. But, in the meantime, the said P.Prabhuram S/o Late Prema Ram, Resident of Temple Road, V.V.Mohalla, Mysore is making hectic efforts to alienate the schedule property in favour of some third person/s. Hence, if any person/s transact with the aforesaid P.Prabhuram, in any manner whatsoever, the same will not bind my clients and they will be doing so at their own costs and risks, for which my clients are not liable.

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Niranthara Ranga Utsava from Dec.27 to 31

Theatre claims an important place in the cultural arena of India. Being an expression of people's joy, sorrow, and inner voices, theatre constructs a bridge between the inner sense of a man and his outer sense. Hence, theatre is an extension of sensual possibilities of man.

Niranthara Ranga Utsava tries to become this extension of possibilities. This is a 11th year Theatre Festival. A little contribution to the Kannada theatre from Niranthara. This Festival is an alter to materialise and to understand the regional Theatre Movement of Karnataka and other States of India. This Festival will try to understand the expressions and dynamics of different regional Theatre Movements of India.

For five days directors, playwrights, actors and theatre enthusiasts from across Karnataka and other parts of India will gather at Mysuru and will share their expressions, ideas and experiences. At the helm of mangled cultural appearance, 'Niranthara Ranga Utsava' will try to tear apart neo cultural barriers and will try to become a collective expression of Indian people.

Dec.27

5.30 pm: Krishnaveni Velu Folk Dance Troupe, Mysuru, will present 'Keelu Kudure.'

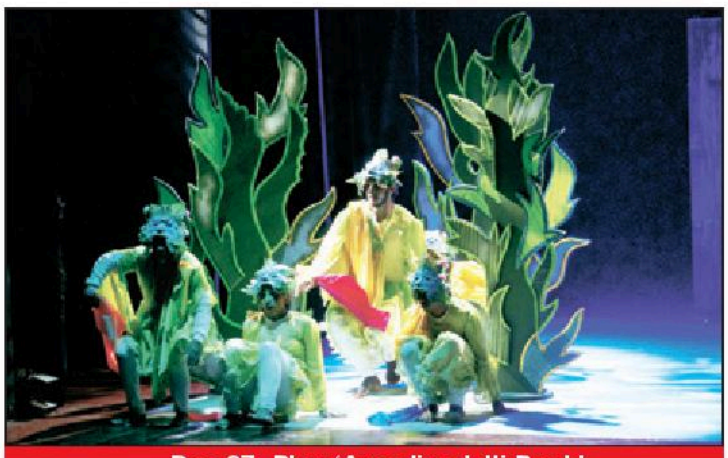
6 pm: Inauguration and Book Release function. H.S. Umesh, theatre director, Jayaram Rayapura, Commissioner, Income Tax Department, Chennai, Indira Nayar, senior theatre artiste, Preethi Nagaraj, journalist and Prasad Kundooru, Managing Director, Niranthara, Mysuru will be the guests. Jayaram Rayapura's two drama books will be released on the occasion.

7 pm: Sanchari Ranga Ghataka of Rangayana Mysuru will stage the play 'Arcadiyadalli Puck' directed by Chandradasan.

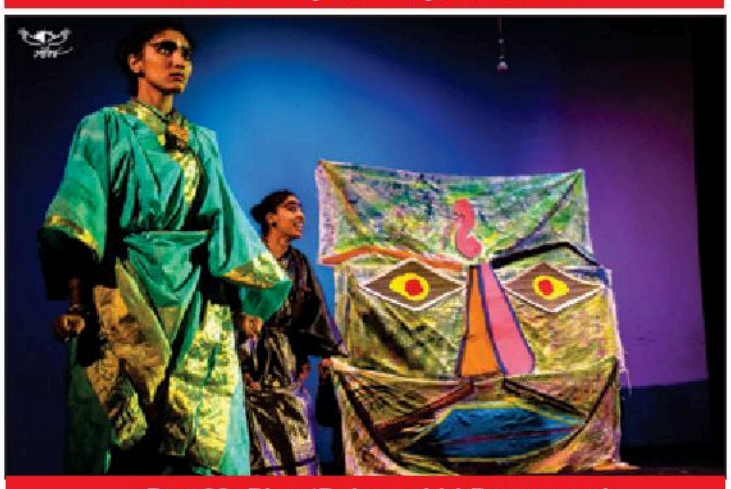
Dec.28

5.30 pm: 'Thala Maddale' by Dr. Pradeep Samaga team, Bengaluru.

7 pm: Niranthara Foundation, Mysuru, will stage the play 'Bahumukhi Ramayana' directed by K.T. Chaluvarajaswamy and Prathap Hunsuru.



Dec.27: Play 'Arcadiyadalli Puck'



Dec.28: Play 'Bahumukhi Ramayana'

Dec.29: Play 'Malavikagnimitra'

Dec.29

5.30 pm: 'Hagaluvesha' folk performance by Shekhar and team, Yellamma Colony, Mysuru.

7 pm: Rangaratha, Bengaluru, presents Mahakavi Kalidasa's play 'Malavikagnimitra' directed by Asif Kshatriya and Shwetha Shrinivas.

Dec.30

5.30 pm: Kannada Gazals by Raghav Kammar and team.

7 pm: Rangayana Shivamogga presents Prof. Aravinda Malagatti's play 'Government Brahmana' directed by Dr. M. Ganesh.

Dec.31

6 pm: Valedictory function. H. Channappa, Assistant Director, Kannada and Culture Department, Mysuru, Poornachandra Tejasvi, Music Director, Naveen Sajju, Singer and Music Director, T. Sharanayya, Director, Drama Juniors, J. Anil Kumar, Director, Weekend With Ramesh and M.M. Suguna, President, Niranthara Foundation, Mysuru, will be the guests.

7 pm: Niranthara Foundation, Mysuru, presents theatre music programme titled 'Modale Nenedevu' directed by Srinivas Bhat (Cheeni).

Niranthara Foundation

Niranthara Foundation, Mysuru, aims at and strives as a cultural medium to strengthen cultural foundations and to find ways to improve education in search of quality and a people-driven society. Niranthara consists of a group of enthusiastic talented young people with a social commitment and who have been continuously offering creative and socially useful programmes all across the State of Karnataka.

The clear aim of Niranthara Foundation is to construct a society based on social values, social responsibility and social equality.

Niranthara, a premier theatre group of Mysuru, is working as theatre repertoire since 12 years. Niranthara has organised theatre productions, theatre camps and workshops, theatre documentation and many other meaningful theatre activities in and around Mysuru and Karnataka.

Niranthara has produced well-known plays like *Kusumabale* by Devanur Mahadeva, *Jalagara* and *Kalki* by Kuvempu, Lankesh's *Muttisikondavanu,* Tejaswi's *Maya Mriga* and *Shariffa* by Manjunatha Belakere, K.G. Mallya's *The statue of the Mahatma, TeaHouse* by the famous Chinese playwright Lao She and Jnanapith awardee Dr. Chandrashekara Kambara's *Shivaratri,* both directed by Chidambara Rao Jambe. Also, a dance and musical drama *Kudala Sangama* based on the Vachanas of Basavanna with music by C. Ashwath has been presented by Niranthara 120 times in and around Karnataka.

NOTE: Tickets for the plays are priced at Rs.100
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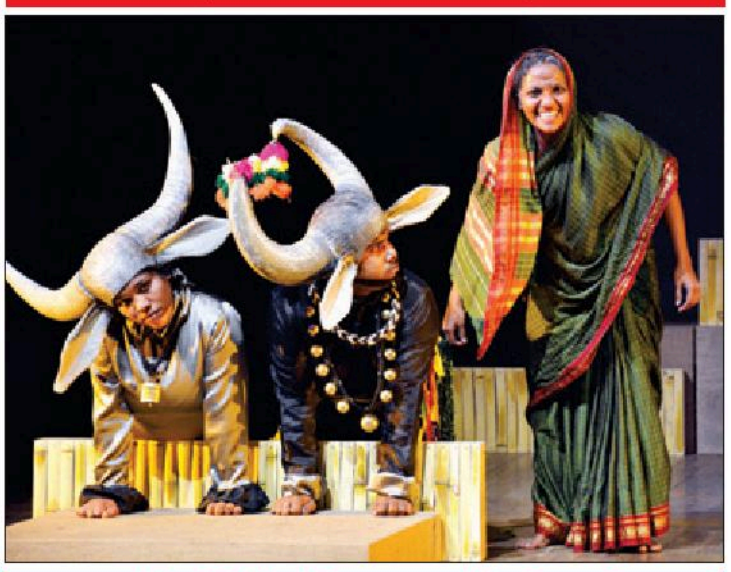

Dec.30: Play 'Government Brahmana'

Dec.31: Theatre Music Programme 'Modale Nenedevu' directed by Srinivas Bhat *(pic. right)*.

Karnataka's Ranji Trophy encounter against Himachal Pradesh begins

Karnataka intends to continue good work

Mysuru, Dec.25- Karnataka will look to consolidate its progress after a decent start in the Ranji Trophy in the 2019-20 season this year and intend to perform well in their match against Himachal Pradesh which got off to a start at the SDNR Wadiyar Platinum Jubilee University Grounds here this morning.

With the inclusion of Mayank Agarwal in the side, the Karnataka team under the leadership of Karun Nair is a confident lot, and intends to do well against Himachal Pradesh who had an outright win against Tamil Nadu in their last outing.

Himachal Pradesh is led by Ankit Kalsi and is also keyed up to give a good performance in this four-day game.

An interesting first day's play is expected on Christmas Day at the SDNR Wadiyar Grounds.

Karnataka and Himachal Pradesh teams in action during the Ranji Trophy match that began at SDNR Wadiyar Platinum Jubilee University Grounds here this morning.

13th BRDCA International Open FIDE Rating Chess Tourney

GM Thejkumar wins title

Bengaluru, Dec.25- Mysuru's Grand Master (GM) and top-seed M.S. Thejkumar tied with three-other players, N. Lokesh (TN), P. Phoobalan (ICF) and K. Gunasekaran (ICF) with 8.5 points from ten rounds, but his superlative tie-break score compared to the others enabled him to clinch the title in the 13th BRDCA (Bangalore Rural District Chess Association) International Open FIDE Rating Chess Tournament 2019 which concluded in Bengaluru yesterday.

In the final round, GM M.S.Thejkumar playing with black pieces beat Tamil Nadu's N. Lokesh to clinch the title.

FINAL PLACINGS

1. Grand Master M.S. Thejkumar (8.5-70.5), 2. N. Lokesh (8.5-67), 3. P. Phoobalan (8.5-65.5), 4. K. Gunasekaran (8.5-65), 5. P.R. Hrithickkesh (8-71), 6. International Master (IM) M. Chakravarthy Reddy (8-71), 7. IM Ravi Hegde (8-65.5), 8. FIDE Master (FM) Purushothaman Thirumalai (8-64), 9. B. Kruthika (8-61.5), 10. S. Aswath (8-59.5).

M.S. Thejkumar

South Zone Inter-University Handball

UoM enters second round

Bengaluru, Dec.25- The men's handball team of University of Mysore (UoM) registered a good 35-31 win over Manonmaniam Sundaranar (MS) University, Tirunelveli, in the South Zone Inter-University Handball Championship for Men 2019, held at Bengaluru North University, Kolar, recently.

RESULTS (1st round): UoM bt M.S. University, Tirunelveli 35-31, Osmania University bt Rani Channamma University 30-23, Bangalore University bt Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham 21-19, Periyar University bt Acharya Nagarjuna University 28-22.

Sania Mirza returns to Indian Fed Cup team after four years

New Delhi, Dec.25- Doubles star Sania Mirza on Tuesday returned to the Indian Fed Cup team after four years as she was named in the five-member squad, which features country's top singles player Ankita Raina.

Sania last played Fed Cup in 2016 and has been out of action since October 2017 as she took a two-year break to start a family.

Riya Bhatia (379), Rutuja Bhosale (466) and Karman Kaur Thandi (568) also figure in the squad. Ranked 180 in the WTA Singles chart, Ankita is way above her compatriots.

Sania Mirza

Former Davis Cupper Vishal Uppal will be the captain of the side while former Fed Cupper Ankita Bhambri has been named the coach of the side, which will have Sowjanya Bavisetti as the reserve player.

Sania is making a comeback at Hobart International with Ukraine's Nadiia Kichenok, the current world number 38.

Before her sabbatical, Sania won six Doubles Grand Slam titles — including three mixed —achieved the number one rank, won medals at multi-disciplinary events apart from laying hands on a year-end WTA Finale title with Swiss great Martina Hingis.

Wrestler Geeta Phogat blessed with a baby boy

New Delhi, Dec.25- The Indian women wrestler Geeta Phogat and her husband Pawan Kumar welcomed a baby boy on Tuesday.

The 31-year-old wrestler took to *Twitter* to share the good news with friends and fans, as she wrote: "HELLO BOY !! WELCOME TO THE WORLD He is here we are so much in love please give him your love and blessings he made our life perfect now. Nothing can be described as the feelings of watching your own baby be born".

The two got married on Jan.29, 2017, in Haryana.

Geeta and her sister Babita Phogat hold an impressive record in the wrestling arena and are known worldwide after the Bollywood movie 'Dangal', based on their life, was released in 2016.

Science Expo at Kodagu Model School

Cluster Resource Person of Alanahalli, Mysuru, Mahadevaswamy inaugurating the Science Expo at Kodagu Model School on Dec.21. Picture right shows a student explaining one of the models on display at the Science Expo to the patron of the School and *Star of Mysore* ***Editor-in-Chief K.B. Ganapathy.***

Mysuru, Dec.25- Kodagu Model School in Vidyashankar Nagar here had organised a day-long Science Exhibition on Dec.21.

The exhibition was inaugurated by the Cluster Resource Person of Alanahalli, Mysuru, Mahadevaswamy.

The Education Council Chairperson C.K. Seethamma, Members Naina Achappa, Ralie Ganapathy, Vinoo Poovaiah and Members of the Managing Committee were present and inaugurated the 12 rooms arranged on the concept of languages and core subjects.

Later, the patron of the School, K.B. Ganapathy, Editor-in-Chief, *Star of Mysore* and *Mysooru Mithra*, visited the exhibition, appreciated the efforts and advised the School to make this a two-day annual event.

Students displayed many still models, self-designed working models, colourful charts and projects. The teachers had put in a lot of efforts, supported the students in preparing a number of working models like windmill, voting machine, hydraulic bridge, folk dance of Karnataka, the achievements of Kannadigas for the first time, ATM machine, fraction robot etc.

Students gave detailed explanation to the guests and parents. Many parents and guests who visited the exhibition gave thumbs up and said exhibitions like this should be conducted annually for two days.

The Education Council Members Naina Achappa *(pic. left)* ***and Ralie Ganapathy inaugurating the rooms arranged on the concept of languages and core subjects at the Science Expo.***

'NEP aims to build equitable and vibrant knowledge society'

Mysuru, Dec. 25 (PM&SD)- "National Education Policy-2019 (NEP-2019) envisions to transform our nation into an equitable and vibrant knowledge society by providing high-quality education to all," opined Education expert Atul Bengeri.

He was delivering a special lecture at a programme organised by Vijaya Vittala School, Saraswathipuram in city for school teachers at the school auditorium on Saturday last.

"The Committee headed by its Chairman Dr. K. Kasturirangan submitted the Draft National Education Policy on May 31. National Education Policy has been drafted in an effort to encourage all students to develop scientific temper, knowledge of critical issues facing local communities, communication, ethical reasoning and digital literacy," he said.

Author and *SOM* Columnist Dr. Manik Bengeri, Principal of Vijaya Vittala PU College H. Satyaprasad, School Principal S.P. Asha and school teachers were present.

Atul Bengeri

About the Speaker: An individual with over 20 years of experience in the IT Industry with focus on Digital Transformation in the Education, Healthcare, Enterprise and Government verticals, Atul Bengeri has worked in companies like Siemens, Intel, Dell and is now an Entrepreneur.

He has proven track record on successes through Strategic Industry Relationships, Planning, Sales and Marketing, Strong Leadership and the ability to meet goals as well as identify and develop new opportunities in niche markets.

A section of teachers and invitees at the special talk on NEP.

'Paramedical service is as important as of doctors'

Mysuru, Dec.25 (US) - "Paramedical service is as important as that of doctors and medical treatment is also dependent on the advice given by paramedics," said Suyog Hospital Head Dr. S.P. Yoganna.

He was speaking after inaugurating a programme organised by Dasthi College of Paramedical Science at Ganabharathi's Veene Seshanna Bhavan in Kuvempunagar here recently to mark the farewell programme for outgoing students and welcome the freshers.

Dr. Yoganna pointed out that the World Health Organisation (WHO) has been giving more importance for paramedical service and has asked all countries to elevate paramedical courses to graduation and post-graduation levels to impart modern knowledge to students.

He commended the Universities in India for abiding by the instruction of WHO and opening advanced courses in paramedical sciences.

Presiding over the programme, Dasthi College Managing Director Dr. D. Thimmaiah advised the students to make best use of the facilities at the college to gain knowledge and progress in their career. Dr. MGR Urs, N. Ananth, Photographer Pragathi Gopalkrishna and others were present.

S. Ramanujan remembered on National Mathematics Day

Mysuru, Dec.25 - On the occasion of the birth anniversary of legendary mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan, city unit of Karnataka Rajya Vijnana Parishat in association with Kuvempu High School, Saraswathipuram had organised a programme to celebrate the National Mathematics Day at the school premises recently.

National Mathematics Day is celebrated on Dec. 22 every year to mark the birth anniversary of legendary Indian mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan and his contributions to the field of mathematics.

Speaking on the occasion, convenor of the Vijnana Parishat R. Anantharamu highlighted the contribution of ancient Indian mathematicians like Aryabhata and Bhaskaracharya to the field and elaborated about why math is important to science. Mathematics faculty of Vidyavardhaka College Prof. Sriraj spoke about life and works of Ramanujan. Head Master of Kuvempu High School Shankaregowda presided over the event.

DC led team to visit Nagpur to study waste disposal

Mysuru, Dec.25 (RK&DM)- In a major step to scientifically clear two lakh tonnes of waste piled up at the Solid Waste Management Unit at Sewage Farm in Vidyaranyapuram here, the District Administration has now decided to adopt Nagpur model.

A team of officers and elected representatives, led by the Deputy Commissioner, will visit Nagpur to learn about the technology.

District Minister V. Somanna, who held a meeting with officials at the Zilla Panchayat (ZP) auditorium yesterday, said that the Government is all set to implement bio-mining, which is a technique used for extracting metals from ores and other solid materials.

Pointing out that the bio-mining technique will be implemented to clear two lakh tonnes of waste piled up at the Sewage Farm, he said that a team, comprising the Deputy Commissioner (DC), Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner, the Mayor and other officials, will visit Nagpur and conduct a study on the landfill there.

The team may visit Nagpur before Jan.3 and will submit a report for early implementation of the project, he added. He further said that the project will cost Rs.18 crore, with the MCC funding Rs.3 crore, Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Rs.5 crore and the State Government Rs.10 crore.

District Minister V. Somanna** (fourth from left), **who held a meeting with officials at ZP auditorium yesterday, is seen with** (from left) **MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, DC Abhiram G. Sankar, MLA G.T. Devegowda, MP Pratap Simha and Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath.

Fate of heritage structures

With the debate still on whether to demolish the iconic Lansdowne building and Devaraja Market, Somanna set Jan.3 as the deadline to come to a conclusion over the issue.

Somanna instructed the District Administration to discuss the issue with all stakeholders and come up with a final report by Jan.3, whether to demolish and rebuild or to restore the two architectural landmarks located in the heart of the city.

Bringing to notice of the contradictory reports given by various agencies on the fate of Devaraja Market, DC Abhiram G. Sankar pointed out that the Karnataka High Court had directed the District Administration to decide ifthe Market building needs to be restored or demolished.

He further said that the MCC in its Council Meeting recommended demolition of the Market, while the Task Force Committee submitted a report recommending rebuilding of the structure and a Heritage Committee consisting of Heritage experts suggested restoration. Also, officials of Karnataka Engineering Research Station (KERS) at KRS, who took up the issue, too submitted a technical report saying that the Devaraja Market has no load-bearing capacity and it would be difficult to preserve the Market, Sankar said and added that the contradictory reports given by experts and various agencies caused the delay in taking an appropriate decision on the issue.

Minister Somanna later suggested the DC, MCC and MUDA Commissioners to inspect the two heritage structures and discuss the issue with the stakeholders. He also directed to hold discussions with the shop vendors who are opposing the demolition and to come up with solutions for tackling the issue, which is bothering the city.

Mysore Grahakara Parishat's (MGP) Dr. Bhami V. Shenoy requested the Minister to restore the iconic structures using advanced technologies, to which the Minister said that apart from preserving heritage structures, it was equally important to consider the safety of the people and the District Administration has been directed to submit a report after discussing the issue with the stakeholders.

MUDA asked to maintain street lights on Ring Road

District Minister asked MUDA authorities to maintain street lights on the Ring Road.

Stating that the public have been complaining of poor maintenance of street lights post-Dasara, he said that the MUDA had done a commendable job during Dasara by lighting up the Ring Road. But later on he came to know that Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) had disconnected power supply due to non-payment of bills, which has led to poor lighting on Ring Road, he said.

Assuring that he will make efforts to release grants if MUDA was facing fund shortage for the purpose, he said that keeping the Ring Road under the cover of darkness was not correct. He asked MUDA officials to take up the responsibility of maintaining street lights on Ring Road.

Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) questioned MUDA officials on the lack of civic amenities in Layouts coming within the Ring Road.

Claiming that most of the Layouts coming under his constituency were facing similar problems, he opined that the MCC would have taken care of the civic amenities had the Layouts been handed over to it.

Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra too supported GTD on the issue. Maintaining that many manholes in the city were overflowing due to poor maintenance, he took the officials to task for indiscreet digging of roads.

GTD appealed Minister Somanna to visit Ekalavyanagar in order to personally know about the plight of the residents living in the area and the problems regarding JnNURM houses.

MP Pratap Simha, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, ZP CEO K. Jyothi, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, Additional Commissioner Shashikumar, MUDA Superintending Engineer Prabhakar, City Planning Member B.N. Girish and other officials were present.

Minister instructs to stop work on modern abattoir

Following severe opposition from residents of Old Kesare and surrounding areas, District Minister V. Somanna instructed the officials to stop the works on modern abattoir. The residents had strongly opposed the construction of the modern abattoir near the Outer Ring Road (ORR) in Kesare.

The residents maintained that it was unscientific to set up the slaughter house at this area as it puts the health of thousands of people living near the area at risk. They also demanded to shift it to elsewhere.

Taking note of the strong public opposition, the Minister instructed the officials to stop the work on the abattoir, which the MCC has proposed to build at a cost of Rs.40 crore.

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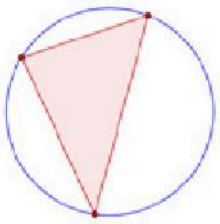
WORD OF THE DAY

Circumscribe



Pronunciation: SER-kum-skrybe.
Meaning: To constrict the range or activity definitely and clearly; to define or mark off carefully; to draw a line around; to surround by or as if by a boundary; to construct or be constructed around (a geometrical figure) so as to touch as many points as possible.
Origin: Circumscribe has a lot of relatives in English. Its Latin predecessor circumscribere (which roughly translates as "to draw a circle around") derives from circum-, meaning "circle," and scribere, meaning "to write or draw." Among the many descendants of circum- are circuit, circumference, circumnavigate, circumspect, circumstance, and circumvent. Scribere gave us such words as scribe and scribble, as well as ascribe, describe, and transcribe, among others. Circumscribe was first recorded in the 15th century; it was originally spelled circumscrive, but by the end of the century the circumscribe spelling had also appeared.
Example: But even hacking keyboards and old toys comes with limitations, circumscribed by the chips inside their circuit boards. You can make interesting sounds—especially if you incorporate effects pedals—but you're still building off the electronic guts you've inherited. — David Rees.

THE ODD WORD

Cachalot
Sperm whale.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

The call of the wild

Meaning: The appeal of nature in the raw. Raw emotions, mostly volatile in nature are represented through this phrase. It is referred to for people who show a spurt of emotions, although not necessarily so. It is also used as wanting to get back to nature, but the phrase is sparingly used in that context.
Origin: This phrase has been made popular by a novel that was published by Jack London in the year 1903. The novel had the same name as the phrase. It originates from earlier than that according to historians but there is no literary proof of the same.
Example: How could he hurt her like that? He has always been so nice, talk about the call of the wild!
It was a real call of the wild that he roughed up the cop so badly.

QUOTE BOX

In so far as the government lands can be disposed of, I am in favour of cutting up the wild lands into parcels so that every poor man may have a home. **—Abraham Lincoln**

RIDDLE THIS

The eight of us go forth not back to protect our king from a foe's attack.

Answer: Chess pawns.

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2	9	7	5	8	1	3	6	4
4	5	6	2	9	3	7	1	8
3	1	8	7	4	6	2	5	9
1	3	4	8	7	9	5	2	6
9	7	2	6	1	5	4	8	3
8	6	5	3	2	4	9	7	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

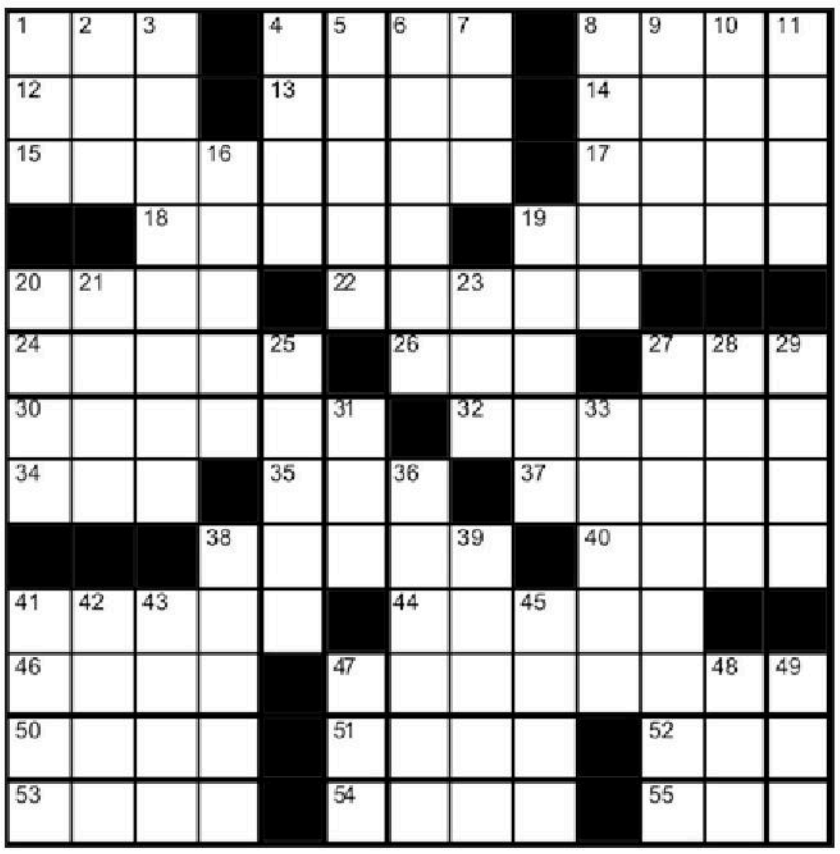
CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 TV World News Service
4 A young woman
8 Young horse
12 Angle-of-attack, abbr.
13 The first king of Phliasia
14 Mystery writer ___ Stanley Gardner
15 Explosive
17 Fishing aids
18 Slightly drunk
19 Altar items
20 Wound and cripple
22 Destroy gradually
24 Do better than
26 ____ into : investigate
27 Indicated Airspeed
30 Not often
32 Be slow and waste time
34 Fruit drink
35 I think therefore _ __? (1,2)
37 Loyal subject
38 Convincing evidence
40 Indian leavened bread
41 Our currency?
44 Go against authority
46 Part of QED
47 Scraping off, injuring by rubbing
50 Indian city
51 Small medicine bottle
52 Former coin of France
53 Sunny or Esha of Bollywood
54 S. Indian snack
55 Vietnamese New Year

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

T	R	A	P	■	I	R	U	■	P	I	T	H
H	A	L	O	■	N	O	N	S	E	N	S	E
A	M	P	L	I	F	I	C	A	T	I	O	N
R	I	S	E	N	■	■	O	N	A	M	■	■
■	■	■	S	T	Y	■	■	A	R	I	E	S
I	M	C	■	H	U	E	A	N	D	C	R	Y
N	O	R	■	E	L	E	C	T	■	A	N	N
C	R	E	S	C	E	N	D	O	■	L	E	E
A	N	V	I	L	■	■	C	N	N	■	■	■
■	■	A	P	E	R	■	■	I	O	N	I	C
D	I	S	P	A	S	S	I	O	N	A	T	E
O	B	S	E	R	V	E	D	■	E	V	E	R
T	O	E	D	■	P	E	A	■	T	Y	R	O

DOWN
1 Not of good character
2 Male child
3 Non-metrical hymn
4 Light giver
5 Get up or ascend
6 Woodland gods or lustful men
7 U-turn from NNW
8 Partition
9 Famous cookie
10 Alternate
11 Not so much
16 Directed a gun
19 Perfect
20 A table-land
21 Hewn or cut down
23 Oxford Eng. Dic.
25 French river
27 Visionary
28 A seaweed
29 Discerned or observed
31 China's thoughtful Chairman
33 ___ and dined : regaled or entertained in great style?
36 Unwholesome
38 Part of flower - "plate" anagram?
39 Having reverted to the wild state
41 Peruse
42 Incite
43 Devdas's lover on screen
45 Yogita or Geeta of Hindi cinema
47 Avinash's pet name?
48 Notice of exception, abbr.
49 Staying power or pluck



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

I QIBBWIKG WP IHOICP QING LZ TE FOT ZGTZHG OST IBG

ZBGZIBGN FT POGIB FSIF TYHC FSG TFSGB TYG PYTBGP

TODAY'S CLUE: F EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: If I were two-faced, would I be wearing this one? - Abraham Lincoln

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Dabangg - 3	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Odeya	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Kiss	Sangam	2520494	2 Shows
Mane Maratakkide	Lido	2420885	2 Shows
	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Sarvajanikarige Suvarnavakaasha			
	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
HINDI			
Dabangg - 3	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Thambi	Lido	2420885	2 Shows
	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Hero	Sangam	2520494	2 Shows
	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Ruler	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
----	Uma	2520009	4 Shows

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Jumanji: The Next Level (E-3D)	(S-1) 10.45 am, 4.20 pm
	(S-4) 9.55 pm
Dabangg -3 (K)	(S-1) 1.15 pm
Dabangg -3 (H)	(S-1) 6.50 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-3) 9.55 am; (S-4) 4.05 pm
Odeya (K)	(S-2) 10.15 am, 6.50 pm
	(S-4) 1 .00 pm
Sarvajanikarige Suvarnavakaasha (K)	
	(S-2) 1.30 pm
	(S-3) 9.55 pm
Prati Roju Pandaage (Te)	(S-2) 4.00 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-3) 1.05 pm
Iddari Lokam Okate (Te)	(S-3) 4.15 pm
Thambi (Ta)	(S-3) 7.05 pm
Star Wars: Rise of Skywalker (E-3D)	(S-4) 10.00 am, 7.10 pm

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Dabangg - 3 (H)	(S-1) 12.25 pm
	(S-2) 2.20 pm, 6.05 pm, 9.40 pm
	(S-4) 10.30 am
Dabangg -3 (K)	(S-3) 3.55 pm
Star Wars (E-3D)	(S-1) 4 pm, 9.45 pm
Jumanji: The Next Level (E-3D)	(S-1) 9.45 am, 7 pm
Odeya (K)	(S-3) 9.45 am
	(S-4) 2.10 pm, 9.30 pm
Sarvajanikarige Suvarnavakaasha (K)	
	(S-2) 11.30 am
	(S-3) 7.15 pm
Prati Roju Pandaage (Te)	(S-3) 12.55 pm
Hero (Ta)	(S-3) 9.50 pm
Thambi (Ta)	(S-4) 6.00 pm

PVR CINEMAS — www.pvrcinemas.com

Dabangg 3 (H)	8.30 am, 3.05 pm, 6.30, 10 pm
Dabangg 3 (K)	12.35 pm
Odeya (K)	9.05 am, 3.15 pm, 9.40 pm
Mardaani 2 (H)	9.40 am
Jumanji: The Next Level (E)	9.50 am, 7.10 pm
Prati Roju Pandaage (Te)	12.00 pm
Thambi (Ta)	12.05 pm
Pati Patni Aur Woh (H)	12.25 pm
Ruler (Te)	3.15 pm
Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker (E)	4.05 pm, 9.55 pm
Hero (Ta)	6.25 pm
Venky Mama (Te)	6.35 pm
Driving Licence (Ma)	9.50 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Cake Utsav at NR Choultry not at Rajendra Kalamandira

Cake eating contest for college students, public

Mysuru, Dec.25- The three-day 'Cake Utsav,' organised as part of the Winter Festival by the Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, will be held at Nanjaraja Bahadur (NR) Choultry on Vinoba Road in city and not at Rajendra Kalamandira.

The Cake Festival will be open to public from 8 am to 10 pm everyday from Dec.27 to 29. Various cultural programmes will be held at the venue everyday at 6 pm.

Cake Eating Contest

As part of the Fest, Cake Eating Contest has also been organised at the venue as per the following schedule:

Dec.27: For college boys at 4 pm and other men at 5 pm; **Dec.28:** For women at 11 am; **Dec.29:** For college girls at 11 am, according to a press release from the Joint Director, Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 25)

Sri Kalanikethana Art Gallery: 'Varnaavarana,' solo art expo by S. Vinod, Gallery premises, #CA-15, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **up to 6.30 pm.**

Mysore Palace Board: Annual Flower Show, Palace premises, **up to 9 pm.**

Gruha Shobhe: Living Style Expo, Maharaja's College Grounds, **up to 9 pm.**

Sahara Art and Crafts: Handicraft and Handloom Exhibition-cum-Sale, Scouts and Guides Ground, behind DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**

Interactive Meet: To discuss whether the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) violates the Constitution, Maj. General (retd.) S.G. Vombatkere and others will take part, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **4 pm.**

Sri Gayatri Educational Cultural and Charitable Trust, Siddarthanagar: 2020 calendar release, MLA S.A. Ramdas inaugurates, PRCI South India Regional President and former Regional PRO at DRDO K. Jayaprakash Rao chief guest, Trust President Vanaja B. Pandit presides, Geeta Shishu Shikshana Samsthe (GSSS) premises, Siddarthanagar, **5 pm.**

Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla and Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha (Rural), Mysuru: Month-long Dhanurmasa Puja, Discourse on Tiruppavai by Vid. Ramanuja Sharma, Trust premises, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, KR Vanam: Discourse on 'Tiruppavai Kalakshepa' by Dr. N.K. Ramaseshan, Sri Ramamandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Noopura Kalavidaru Samskrutika Trust and Department of Kannada and Culture: 'Guru Namana' in memory of Natyacharya late M. Vishnudas and 'Noopurotsava,' Bharatanatyam programme

Natyacharya Vishnudas and Guru Prof. K. Ramamurthy

by students of Vidu. Shubharani Bolar of Bengaluru, **6.30 pm;** Dance-Drama 'Yoga and Nrutya' conceived and directed by Dr. Shreedhar Akkihebbalu from the USA, along with Vid. P. Praveen Kumar of Chitkala School of Dance, Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **7.30 pm.**

Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple, Tyagaraja Road: Tirupavai Discourse by Vid. M.K. Shelvanarayana, Sanskrit Lecturer, Sharada Vidya Mandira, Temple premises, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 26)

Anokhi Garden: ...the bewitching, lyrical world of Ram Singh Urveti - Gond Artist, Anokhi Garden, 408, Contour Road, near Adithya Hospital, Gokulam, 3rd Stage, **8 am to 5 pm.**

Mysore Palace Board: Annual Flower Show, Mysore Palace premises, **9 am to 9 pm.**

Sri Kalanikethana Art Gallery: 'Varnaavarana,' solo art expo by S. Vinod, Sri Kalanikethana Art Gallery premises, #CA-15, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **10.30 am to 6.30 pm.**

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Gruha Shobhe: Living Style Expo, Maharaja's College Grounds, **11 am to 9 pm.**

Department of AYUSH, Government of Karnataka, National AYUSH Mission, New Delhi, Government Ayurveda Research Centre, Mysuru and Sarada Vilas College of Pharmacy (Saraswathipuram), Mysuru: Valedictory of National Ayurveda Day celebrations, seminar on 'Re-emergence of translational research on medicinal plants,' MLA S.A. Ramdas inaugurates, valedictory address by Mysore University VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Sarada Vilas College of Pharmacy Principal Dr. Hanumanthachar Joshi presides, Prof. Chinnaswamy Setty Conference Hall, **2 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Mysuru: Lecture in Kannada by Swami Shantivratanandaji on 'Kaliyugada Vyasa Mahendranatha Gupta, Ashrama premises, **6 pm.**

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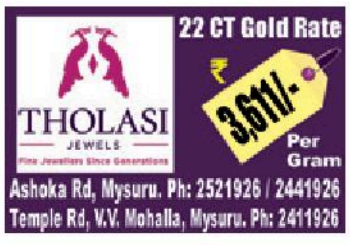

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